Stainless steel produced by ASP in Durgapur

1102. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of stainless steel produced annually by the Alloy Steel Plant in Durgapur;

(b) the consumers of this products;

(c) whether the consumers send the product abroad for hot rolling and the hot rolled product is subsequently re-imported back by the consumer;

(d) if so, the advantages of such a circuitous route; and

(e) whether this is affecting the viability of the ASP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) The production of stainless steel in the Alloy Steels Plant (ASP), Durgapur was 5,589 tonnes during 1999-2000.

(b) The product of ASP is mainly consumed by the following :

(i) Salem Steel Plant and other units of SAIL

(ii) Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) (iii)

Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) (iv)

National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)

(c) While units of SAIL do not send the product abroad for hot rolling, ASP does not monitor usage by other consumers.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Production cost of Steel

† 1103. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 12 per cent expenditure of the production cost of steel is spent on the pay and allowances of employees and workers;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that production cost of steel in the country is more than the production cost of steel assessed at international level; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.